frozen semen technique outside Operation Flood II areas in Orissa;

(b) if so, the amount of Central assistance given to Orissa to implement the schemes so far; and

(c) the names of the districts in Orissa which have been covered under the above programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) ; (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 111-16 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Orissa as Central assistance for implementation of the scheme so far.

(c) Four districts, namely Kalahandi, Koraput, Bolangir and Phulbani are covered under this scheme.

Measures suggested by FCI to bring down the prices

2023. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has suggested certain measures to Government to bring down the prices of foodgrains to a manageable level;

(b) if so, what are the details of the measures or programmes suggested by the Food Corporation of. India; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to implement those proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Loans to economically weaker sections of society for Housing

2024. SHRI ADINARAYANA ' REDDY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to formulate a scheme to provide loan to persons belonging to economically weaker sections for construction of houses on easy terms;

(b) if so, what are the details there of;

(c) the amount earmarked for implementation of that scheme; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d) EWS Housing is one of the Social Housing Schemes already under operation. A provision for direct public sector assistance to the persons belonging to EWS was made in the 6th Plan. The strategy was to provide Sites and Services Scheme with enough funds for a minimum structure, the beneficiaries to be given loans upto Rs. 3000 per unit repayable over a period of 20—25 years at concessional rates of interest. This amount has been raised to Rs. 5000 in the 7th Plan. Besides this, 55% of the total loans sanctioned by Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) to housing construction agencies' in the States/ U.Ts are for the benefit of persons belonging to EWS and LIG.

More T.V. transmitters

2025. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of

INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sanctioned some television transmitters to cover 70 per cent population of the country under crash programme;

(b) if so, the number of transmitters sanctioned for different States and Union Territories under the above programme;

(c) the number of low power transmitter sanctioned for Orissa under that programme; and

(d) the names of the places in Orissa where such facilities are going to be made available ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. In addition *to* the transmitters approved under VI Plan, a special TV Expansion Plan was approved in July, 1933 to set up additional TV relay transmitters in the country so as to extend TV coverage to about 70% of the country population.

(b) The requisite information is given in the attached statement.

(c) Setting up of four low power TV transmitters at Berhampur, Koraput, Rourkela and Bhavani-patna in Orissa was included in the said Special TV Expansion Plan. Transmitters at Berhampur, Koraput and Rourkela have been commissioned and that at Bhavanipatna is under implementation.

(d) During the VII Plan period, it is envisaged to set up, subject to year-wise availability of funds, one high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Bhavanipatna and eight low power (100 Watt) TV transmitters, one each at Baripada, Sundergrarh, Baleshwar, Keonjhargarh, Bolangir, Phulbani, Jeypore and Ghatarapur in Orissa.

Statement

Number of TV Transmitters approved to be set up under Special TV expansion Plan in various States/ Union Territories

State/Union Territory	No. of Transmitter	
	High Power (10 KW) Transmitter	Low Power (100 Watt) Transmitter
1	2	3
Assam	—	4
Andhra Pradesh	1	12
Andman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	—	1
Bihar	1	8
Gujarat	1	7
Haryana	—	2
Hinachal Pradesh	—	1
Jammu & Kashmir	2	2
arnataka	—	11

1	2	3
Kerala	1	3
Madhya Pradesh	2	12
Maharashtra	—	19
Manipur	—	1
Orissa	—	4
Punjab	1	1
Rajasthan	—	11
Tamil Nadu	—	6
Uttar Pradesh	2	16
West Bengal	1	4
Meghalaya	—	1
Tripura	1	—
Pondicherry (UT)	—	1
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Television Studio at Bhubaneshwar

2026. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration for the construction of a full fledged Television Studio at Bhubaneshwat;

(b) if so, the sites selected for the studio;

(c) the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the steps taken by the Centre to implement the above proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A site at Mouza-Nayapalli has been selected for the purpose;

(c) and (d) The cost of the pro ject including construction of staff quarters is estimated at about Rs. 14. crores. Action has been initiated to obtain formal approval of the Government to the project and tbe estimates.

AIR Expansion Programme

2027. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to expand radio station net work in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the radio stations located in different States which are proposed to be made more powerful; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.